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Dear fellow countrymen, comrades, friends; dear brothers in other countries:

Our Party, the Soviet people, all humanity, have suffered a most grievous, irreparable loss. The glorious life path of our teacher and leader, the greatest genius of humanity, Josef Vissarionovich Stalin, has ended. In these sorrowful days the great sorrow of the Soviet people is being shared by all progressive humanity.

Stalin's name is infinitely dear to the Soviet people, and to the widest peoples' masses in all parts of the globe. Vast are the grandeur and significance of Comrade Stalin's activities for the Soviet people and the workers of all lands. His works will live forever and grateful posterity, in common with us, will praise Stalin's name.

Stalin gave his life in the cause of liberating the working class and all workers from the yoke and bondage of the exploiters, in the cause of freeing mankind from exterminating wars, in the cause of the struggle for a free and happy life on earth for toiling man.

Comrade Stalin, the great thinker of our epoch, creatively developed in new historic conditions the teachings of Marxism and Leninism. Stalin's name justly takes its place beside the names of the greatest men in the entire history of mankind—Marx, Engels, and Lenin.

Our Party adheres to the great teachings of Marxism and Leninism, which furnish the Party and the people with invincible strength, and the ability to blaze new paths in history.

Lenin and Stalin in the course of long years waged under difficult underground conditions a struggle for the deliverance of the peoples of Russia from the yoke of autocracy, and from the oppression of the landowners and capitalists.

Headed by Lenin and Stalin the Soviet people have accomplished the greatest revolution in the history of mankind, have put an end to the regime of capitalism in our country and entered upon a new path—the path of Socialism.

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Continuing the work of Lenin and steadily developing Lenin's teaching, which illuminates the way ahead for the Party and the Soviet State, Comrade Stalin brought our country to the world historic victory of Socialism which ensures, for the first time in the many thousands of years of the existence of a human society, the abolition of exploitation of man by man. Lenin and Stalin founded the first workers' and peasants' state in the world.

Comrade Stalin worked tirelessly to strengthen the Soviet State. The strength and might of our State are the most important conditions for the successful construction of Communism in our country. It is our sacred duty to continue to strengthen tirelessly and in every way our great Socialist State, the bulwark of peace and security of peoples.

With the name of Comrade Stalin is connected the solution of one of the most complicated questions in the history of the development of society, namely the question of nationalities. In the history of the development of human society and the national question, the greatest theoretician of the national question, Comrade Stalin, secured for the first time in history within the frontiers of a huge multinational state the liquidation of national strife.

Under Comrade Stalin's leadership our Party has overcome the economic and cultural backwardness of the people, who had formerly been oppressed, by uniting into one brotherly family all the nationalities of the Soviet Union and by forging friendship among nations. Our sacred duty is to strengthen further the unity and friendship of the nations of the Soviet Union and to strengthen the Soviet multinational State and the friendship among the peoples of our country. We are not afraid of any internal or external enemies.

Under the direct leadership of Comrade Stalin, the Soviet Army was created and strengthened. The strengthening of the defensive power of the country and the consolidation of the Soviet Armed Forces were the untiring concern of Comrade Stalin. Headed by its great military leader, Generalissimo Stalin, the Soviet Army won a historic victory during the Second World War and delivered the peoples of Europe and Asia from the threat of fascist slavery. Our sacred duty is to strengthen by every means the mighty Soviet Armed Forces. We must keep them in a state of fighting preparedness for a crushing rebuff to any attack of the enemy.

As a result of the ceaseless toil of Comrade Stalin, in accordance with plans worked out by him, our Party has converted a formerly backward country into a mighty industrial and collective farm power, and has created a new economic order which knows no crises nor unemployment. It is our sacred duty to insure the further flourishing of our Socialist Motherland. We must develop by every means our Socialist industry, the bulwark of the might and strength of our country. We must strengthen by every means our collective farm order, strive for a further upsurge and flourishing of all collective farms of the Soviet country and strengthen the union of the working class and the collective farm peasantry.

In the internal sphere our main task is ceaselessly to strive for further improvement in the material welfare of workers, collective farmers, the intelligentsia and all Soviet people. It is a law for our Party and Government to implement the duty of ceaselessly striving for the good of the people, for the maximum satisfaction of its material and cultural needs. Lenin and Stalin created and tempered our Party as a great transforming force of society. Comrade Stalin taught all his life that there is nothing higher than the title of member of the Communist Party.

In a stubborn struggle against enemies, Comrade Stalin defended the monolithic unity of the ranks of our Party. It is our sacred duty to preserve this spirit so as to be able further to strengthen the great Communist Party. The strength and invincibility of our Party lies in the unity and close rallying together of its ranks, in the unity of its will and its action, in the ability of Party members to merge their will in the will and wishes of the Party. The strength and invincibility of our Party lies in its close ties with the masses of people. The unity of the Party and the people is based on the Party's constant service to the interests of the people. We must treasure the unity of the Party as the pupil of our eye.

We must strengthen further the unbreakable bonds between Party and people, and train the Communists and all working people in the spirit of high political vigilance, or intolerance and firmness in the struggle against internal and the foreign enemies.

Under the leadership of great Stalin, a mighty camp of peace, democracy, and Socialism has been set up. In that camp, in close fraternal unity with the Soviet people, march the great Chinese people, the fraternal peoples of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, Albania, the German Democratic Republic and the Mongolian People's Republic. The heroic Korean people are defending the independence of its Motherland in a stubborn struggle.

In stubborn battle, the heroic Korean people are defending the independence of their Motherland. A courageous fight is being waged for freedom and national independence by the people of Vietnam. It is our sacred task to preserve and consolidate the greatest attainment of the people—the camp of peace, democracy, and Socialism—to strengthen the ties of friendship and solidarity of the peoples of the democratic bloc. We must in every way consolidate eternal, indestructible, fraternal friendship of the Soviet Union with the great Chinese people and the workers of all countries of People's Democracy.

The peoples of all lands know Comrade Stalin as the great ensign of peace. Comrade Stalin directed the supreme forces of his genius toward the preservation of peace for the peoples of all countries. The foreign policy of the Soviet State, the policy of peace and friendship between peoples, forms a shattering barrier to the unleashing of a new war and is in conformity with the vital interests of all people. The Soviet Union has invariably championed and is invariably championing the defense of the cause of peace, for its interests are inseparable from the cause of peace the world over.

The Soviet Union has waged and is waging a consistent policy for the preservation and stabilization of peace, a policy of struggle against the preparation and unleashing of a new war, a policy of international cooperation and the development of business relations with all countries, a policy based on the Lenin-Stalin premise of the possibility of the prolonged coexistence and peaceful competition of two different systems—capitalist and Socialist.

The great Stalin educated us in a spirit of boundlessly loyal service to the interests of the people. We are true servants of the people, and the people want peace and hate war. May it come to pass, the wish—sacred to all of us—of the people to prevent the spilling of blood of millions of people and to insure the peaceful construction of a happy life.

In the sphere of foreign policy, our main care consists in not permitting a new war, in living in peace with all countries.

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Government consider that the most correct, essential, and just foreign policy is the policy of peace among all peoples, based on operating mutual trust, supported by facts and confirmed by facts. Governments must serve their peoples faithfully and their peoples' thirst of peace, and they must curse war. Criminal will be those Governments which will want to trick the peoples and go against the sacred wish of the peoples to maintain peace and prevent a new bloody massacre.

The Communist Party and the Soviet Government insist that the policy of peace between the nations is the only correct policy which corresponds with the interests of all nations.

Comrades, the passing of our great leader and teacher, the great Stalin, imposes on all Soviet people the duty to multiply their efforts to realize the grandiose tasks and to increase their part in the common cause of the construction of Communist society and in strengthening the power and defense abilities of our Socialist Fatherland.

The toilers of the Soviet Union see and know that our powerful Fatherland is advancing toward new successes. We have all that is necessary to build a fully Communist society. With firm faith in their limitless forces and possibilities, the Soviet people proceed with the great cause of building Communism. There are no forces in the world which can stop the forward movement of Soviet society toward Communism. Farewell, our teacher and leader, our dear friend, our Comrade Stalin. Forward along the road towards complete victory and the great cause of Lenin and Stalin.